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## HOUSE ENROLLED ACT No. 1475

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AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning veterans.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

SECTION 1. IC 10-6-1-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE]: Sec. 7. (a) The following persons who are legal residents of Indiana for at least ~~five (5)~~ **three (3)** years immediately preceding application for admission and who are disabled or destitute are eligible for admission to the home:

- (1) All honorably discharged members of the armed forces and nurses who have served with the United States in any of its wars.
- (2) All honorably discharged members of the armed forces and nurses who have served in any of the authorized campaigns of the United States and who have service-connected disabilities, as evidenced by a pension certificate or the award of compensation.
- (3) The spouses of such discharged members of the armed forces.
- (4) The surviving spouses of such discharged members of the armed forces.

(b) The administrative head of the division of medical institutions of the state department of health, or of its legally constituted successor, shall adopt rules concerning admission to the home.

(c) In making rules governing the admission, maintenance, and discharge of members of the veterans' home, it shall be lawful for the administrative head of the administrative unit for special institutions of the state department of health, or of its legally constituted successor, to establish a fund to be known as the "veterans' home comfort and

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welfare fund", and the administrative head shall deposit all money collected from the members for the cost of their care and maintenance in this fund. The administrative head shall expend this money in any manner that will add to the comfort and welfare of the members of the institutions. A portion of such fund may be withdrawn and deposited in a special fund to be known as the "veterans' home building fund", which fund shall be used for the construction, maintenance, remodeling, or repairing of buildings of the Indiana veterans' home. Preference may be given to persons who served in Indiana military organizations. Except in cases where the surviving spouse of a veteran shall marry another veteran, the benefits of this chapter shall extend only to surviving spouses and spouses of veterans when the contract of marriage was entered into more than five (5) years prior to the date of death of the veteran. Unless otherwise prescribed by law, on the death of any person in such home any balance of money paid to such person, or due to the person from any bank, trust company, corporation, or individual shall become part of the assets of such person's estate and shall be distributed in the manner as prescribed by the probate law of the state.

**SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.**

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President of the Senate

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